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*= less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
7/21/13	49	25	24	44	12	32	7
5/19/13	51	32	20	44	10	33	5
4/14/13	50	27	23	45	10	35	5
3/10/13	50	29	21	46	11	36	4
1/13/13	55	32	23	41	8	33	4
12/16/12	54	33	21	42	9	32	5
11/4/12 RV	52	33	10	46	10	36	2
11/3/12 RV	51	33	10	47	10	37	2
11/2/12 RV	51	32	11	47	11	36	2
11/1/12 RV	50	31	11	48	11	37	2
10/31/12 RV	50	30	11	48	11	37	2
10/30/12 RV	50	28	12	48	12	37	2
10/29/12 RV	50	28	11	48	11	36	2
10/28/12 RV	51	28	11	46	11	36	3
10/27/12 RV	50	28	11	46	11	36	3
10/26/12 RV	51	29	10	46	10	36	3
10/25/12 RV	50	29	9	47	9	37	3
10/24/12 RV	50	29	10	48	10	38	3
10/23/12 RV	50	29	21	47	9	37	3
10/22/12 RV	50	30	20	47	10	38	3
10/21/12 RV	51	31	20	47	10	37	2
10/13/12	50	30	21	44	10	34	6
9/29/12	50	26	24	46	12	34	4
9/9/12	49	29	20	45	11	35	6
8/25/12	50	27	23	46	13	33	4
7/8/12	47	24	24	49	15	34	4
5/20/12	47	26	21	49	13	36	3
4/8/12	50	30	20	45	10	35	6
3/10/12	46	28	18	50	11	39	4
2/4/12	50	29	22	46	11	36	3
1/15/12	48	25	23	48	11	37	4
12/18/11	49	25	24	47	13	34	4
11/3/11	44	22	22	53	15	37	3
10/2/11	42	21	21	54	14	40	4
9/1/11	43	21	22	53	16	38	3
8/9/11*	44	18	26	46	9	37	10
7/17/11	47	25	22	48	14	35	5
6/5/11	47	27	20	49	13	37	4
5/2/11**	56	29	27	38	14	24	6
4/17/11	47	27	21	50	12	37	3
3/13/11	51	27	24	45	12	33	4
1/16/11	54	30	23	43	15	28	3
12/12/10	49	24	25	47	15	32	4
10/28/10	50	27	23	45	11	34	5
10/3/10	50	26	24	47	13	34	3
9/2/10	46	24	22	52	14	38	3

7/11/10	50	28	22	47	12	35	3
6/6/10	52	30	22	45	12	33	4
4/25/10	54	31	23	44	11	33	3
3/26/10	53	34	20	43	8	35	3
2/8/10	51	29	22	46	12	33	3
1/15/10	53	30	24	44	13	32	2
12/13/09	50	31	18	46	13	33	4
11/15/09	56	32	23	42	13	29	2
10/18/09	57	33	23	40	11	29	3
9/12/09	54	35	19	43	12	31	3
8/17/09	57	35	21	40	11	29	3
7/18/09	59	38	22	37	9	28	4
6/21/09	65	36	29	31	10	22	4
4/24/09	69	42	27	26	8	18	4
3/29/09	66	40	26	29	9	20	5
2/22/09	68	43	25	25	8	17	7

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2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Obama is handling [ITEM]? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

7/21/13 - Summary Table

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	op.
a. The economy	45	22	22	49	14	35	6
b. Immigration issues	43	23	20	44	13	31	13

Trend:

a. The economy

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
7/21/13	45	22	22	49	14	35	6
5/19/13	48	26	22	48	10	37	4
4/14/13	44	22	22	53	12	41	3
3/10/13	44	24	20	52	10	42	4
1/13/13	50	24	25	47	10	37	3
12/16/12	50	27	23	48	10	38	3
10/13/12 RV	47	26	21	51	10	41	2
9/29/12 RV	47	23	25	52	10	41	1
9/9/12 RV	45	24	21	53	8	45	2
8/25/12	44	20	23	54	12	42	3
7/8/12	44	21	23	54	13	41	2
5/20/12	42	20	22	55	11	44	2
4/8/12	44	23	21	54	12	42	2
3/10/12	38	20	18	59	9	50	2
2/4/12	44	23	22	53	11	41	3
1/15/12	41	19	22	57	11	46	2
12/18/11	41	17	24	56	13	43	2
11/3/11	38	18	20	61	13	48	2
10/2/11	35	17	19	61	13	48	4
9/1/11	36	15	21	62	15	47	2
7/17/11	39	18	22	57	15	43	3
6/5/11	40	20	20	59	10	49	2
5/2/11*	40	18	22	55	16	39	4
4/17/11	42	23	19	57	11	46	2
3/13/11	43	22	21	55	13	41	2
1/16/11	46	22	24	51	13	38	2
12/12/10	43	21	22	54	15	39	3

10/28/10 RV	44	21	23	54	15	39	3
10/3/10	45	22	23	53	13	41	2
9/2/10	41	20	21	57	13	44	2
7/11/10	43	20	23	54	13	41	4
6/6/10	50	26	24	49	12	37	2
4/25/10	49	24	25	49	10	39	2
3/26/10	45	23	22	52	12	40	3
2/8/10	45	22	23	53	15	38	2
1/15/10	47	22	24	52	13	39	1
12/13/09	46	23	24	52	12	40	2
11/15/09	51	26	25	47	12	36	2
10/18/09	50	29	22	48	13	35	1
9/12/09	51	28	24	46	13	33	2
8/17/09	52	27	25	46	13	33	2
7/18/09	52	29	23	46	10	35	3
6/21/09	56	28	28	41	13	27	3
4/24/09	58	31	28	38	13	25	4
3/29/09	60	34	25	38	12	26	3
2/22/09	60	NA	NA	34	NA	NA	6

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b. Immigration issues

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
7/21/13	43	23	20	44	13	31	13
5/19/13	46	25	21	41	11	30	13
4/14/13	44	24	21	43	12	30	13
2/3/13	49	27	22	43	15	28	8
7/8/12	38	20	18	52	18	34	10
6/6/10	39	17	23	51	14	37	10
3/26/10	33	14	19	43	15	28	23
4/24/09	48	NA	NA	35	NA	NA	18

3. Do you think things in this country (are generally going in the right direction) or do you feel things (have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track)?

	Right direction	Wrong track	No opinion
7/21/13	36	60	4
5/19/13	39	57	4
1/13/13	39	57	5
10/31/12 LV	43	55	2
10/13/12 RV	42	56	3
9/29/12 RV	38	60	2
8/25/12 RV	29	69	2
7/8/12	33	63	4
4/8/12	33	64	3
1/15/12	30	68	2
11/3/11	22	74	3
9/1/11	20	77	3
6/5/11	32	66	2
1/16/11	38	60	3
12/12/10	31	67	2
10/28/10 RV	27	71	2
6/6/10	37	60	3
3/26/10	38	60	2
1/15/10	37	62	1
11/15/09	44	55	2
10/18/09	44	54	2
8/17/09	44	55	1
6/21/09	47	50	3

4/24/09	50	48	2
3/29/09	42	57	1
2/22/09	31	67	2
1/16/09	19	78	3
12/14/08	15	82	3
10/25/08 LV	13	85	2
10/11/08 RV	8	90	2
9/22/08 RV	14	83	3
8/22/08	19	78	2
6/15/08	14	84	2
5/11/08	16	82	2
1/12/08	21	77	2
11/1/07	24	74	2
6/1/07	25	73	2
1/19/07	26	71	3
11/4/06 RV	39	59	2
10/22/06	30	68	2
10/8/06	32	66	2
5/15/06	29	69	2
11/2/05	30	68	2
10/24/04 LV	41	55	4
4/18/04	42	57	1
4/30/03	52	46	2
9/26/02	43	53	4
2/21/02	54	42	4
2/14/99	55	41	4
11/1/98	55	43	2
9/13/98*	51	45	3
8/21/98	57	40	4
7/12/98	50	45	6
4/4/98	55	41	4
1/31/98	61	34	5
1/30/98	61	34	5
1/19/98	44	50	6
8/27/97	39	57	4
6/8/97	37	60	3
3/9/97	34	62	4
10/17/96 RV	40	55	5
10/16/96 RV	42	53	5
10/15/96 RV	43	52	5
10/14/96 RV	44	51	5
10/13/96 RV	44	51	5
9/04/96 RV	40	54	6
8/21/96	28	67	5
6/30/96	26	70	5
3/17/96	27	70	3
1/21/96	27	66	6
1/3/96	21	77	3
4/5/95	23	73	3
1/4/95	27	68	6
10/31/94	27	69	4
7/20/94	26	70	4
3/27/94	28	69	3
1/23/94	31	60	10
11/14/93	25	69	6
8/8/93	26	71	3
6/20/93	26	71	3
4/26/93	27	71	2
3/11/93	36	57	7
2/28/93	37	59	4
1/17/93	31	63	6
12/14/92	35	60	5
10/27/92 RV	22	76	2

10/4/92	RV	18	78	4
6/7/92		14	83	3
4/9/92		16	81	3
3/11/92		18	79	4
1/15/92		19	78	3
11/10/91		24	72	4
10/29/91		26	71	3
8/27/91		31	60	9
7/28/91		30	67	3
6/2/91		39	57	4
4/9/91		42	51	7
2/26/91		58	39	3
1/27/91		49	48	4
10/14/90		19	79	2
9/9/90		36	60	4
8/20/90		35	60	5
7/24/90		37	60	2
5/21/90		39	60	2
3/26/90		44	53	2
2/4/90		49	48	3
1/16/90		48	49	3
5/23/89		42	55	3
3/16/89		46	52	2
1/16/89	LV	51	46	3
10/25/88	LV	49	46	6
9/27/88		48	44	8
7/11/88		40	56	4
5/25/88		35	59	6
3/21/88		40	56	4
1/23/88		39	59	2
12/13/87		49	47	4
12/2/87		35	61	4
9/23/87		43	54	4
6/29/87		35	62	3
4/13/87		37	60	3
3/9/87		38	58	4
1/18/87		39	56	5
9/8/86		50	48	2
1/26/86		45	47	8
7/29/85		52	43	6
1/16/85		59	36	4
5/22/84		47	48	5
12/13/83		43	51	6
11/7/83		51	44	5
4/12/83		41	54	4
3/2/83		43	53	3
10/11/82		35	57	8
1/30/82		39	56	5
2/80**		20	70	10
2/78		34	53	13
2/77		41	44	14
10/75		19	71	9
10/74		15	75	11
10/73		16	74	10

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**2/80 and previous: Roper

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

----- Approve -----	----- Disapprove -----	No
NET Strongly Somewhat	NET Somewhat Strongly	opinion

7/21/13	21	5	16	73	20	53	7
3/10/13	16	3	12	80	22	58	4
1/13/13	19	4	15	76	21	55	4
1/15/12	13	3	11	84	19	65	3
10/2/11	14	3	11	82	20	62	4
3/13/11	27	7	20	69	24	45	4
1/16/11	28	6	21	66	24	43	7
10/28/10 RV	23	6	17	74	21	53	3
10/3/10	24	6	18	73	22	51	3
9/2/10	25	5	20	72	21	51	4
6/6/10	26	7	20	71	20	51	2
3/26/10	24	7	18	72	18	54	4
2/8/10	26	NA	NA	71	NA	NA	3
7/13/08	23			71			6
2/1/08	33			59			8
12/9/07	32			60			8
11/1/07	28			65			7
9/30/07	29			65			6
7/21/07	37			60			4
6/1/07	39	"	"	53	"	"	8
4/15/07	44	8	36	54	25	29	3
2/25/07	41	NA	NA	54	NA	NA	5
1/19/07	43			50			8
12/11/06	37	"	"	57	"	"	6
11/4/06 RV	36	7	29	60	25	35	4
10/22/06	31	5	25	65	27	38	4
10/8/06	32	5	27	66	29	37	2
9/7/06	40	NA	NA	55	NA	NA	5
8/6/06	36			60			4
5/15/06	33			63			4
4/9/06	35			62			3
3/5/06	36			62			3
1/26/06	43			53			4
1/8/06	41			55			5
12/18/05	43			53			4
11/2/05	37			59			4
8/28/05	37			59			4
6/5/05	41			54			4
10/29/03	40			52			9
4/30/03	57			37			6
9/26/02	51			43			6
7/15/02	57			36			7
2/21/02	57			39			4
1/27/02	58			35			7
12/19/01	59			34			7
9/9/01	45			48			7
7/30/01	48			48			4
4/22/01	58			33			8
10/31/99	42			53			6
9/2/99	46			47			7
6/6/99	48			46			6
3/14/99	44			49			7
2/14/99	46			50			4
12/20/98	44			51			5
12/19/98	45			50			5
12/13/98	49			46			5
11/7/98	41			55			4
11/1/98	49			47			5
10/25/98	45			44			11
10/18/98	46			45			8
9/28/98	52			44			4
9/13/98*	56			38			6
8/21/98	55			39			6

7/12/98	46		44		11
5/12/98	45		45		9
4/4/98	47		45		8
1/31/98	55		35		10
1/30/98	55		35		10
1/25/98	56		37		8
1/24/98	55		38		7
1/19/98	47		49		5
10/13/97	36		57		7
8/27/97	39		54		7
7/8/97	40		53		6
4/24/97	40		53		7
3/9/97	35		60		5
1/15/97	38		56		6
8/5/96	42		52		7
6/30/96	35		58		7
5/22/96	35		60		5
3/10/96	30		64		6
1/7/96	31		65		5
11/19/95	27		68		5
10/1/95	32		65		3
7/17/95	34		63		3
4/5/95	37		57		6
3/19/95	39		56		5
1/29/95	42		52		6
10/31/94	21		72		8
10/23/94	18		78		4
9/11/94	24		70		5
6/26/94	34		61		5
3/27/94	35		62		3
2/27/94	32		64		4
1/23/94	29		60		11
11/14/93	28		66		6
8/8/93	33		64		3
4/26/93	30		69		2
1/17/93	29		66		6
6/7/92	16		77		6
4/9/92	17		78		5
3/18/92	19		76		5
3/8/92	22		73		6
2/2/92	32		64		4
12/15/91	35		59		6
10/21/91	45		50		5
6/2/91	49		46		5
10/14/90	34		63		3
2/4/90	41		55		4
1/16/90	39		55		6
8/21/89	42		53		5
5/23/89	54		44		2
2/14/89	53		44		3
1/23/88**	43		53		4
6/1/87	56		40		4
6/22/85	54		37		9
5/83	33		43		24
6/81	38		40		22
6/79	19		61		20
9/78	29		49		22
6/77	34		42		24
6/75	29		54		17
8/74	48	"	35	"	17

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**1/23/88 and previous: Gallup

5. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) In your view, is the leadership of the Republican Party currently taking the party in the (right direction) or in the (wrong direction)?

	Right direction	Wrong direction	Mixed/depends (vol.)	No opinion
7/21/13	37	52	NA	12
8/5/12*	58	32	NA	11
11/31/09**	49	42	NA	9
11/2/05	76	23	NA	1
10/29/03	74	17	5	4
3/30/94***	58	24	7	11

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6. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) In your view, is the leadership of the Democratic Party currently taking the party in the (right direction) or in the (wrong direction)?

	Right direction	Wrong direction	Mixed/depends (vol.)	No opinion
7/21/13	72	21	NA	7
8/5/12*	66	23	NA	11
11/2/05	62	30	NA	8
10/29/03	57	25	9	9

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7. What's more important to you - that political leaders (stick with their positions on important issues, even if it means a lack of cooperation between Democrats and Republicans); or that political leaders (try to cooperate across party lines, even if it means compromising on important issues)?

	Stick with their positions	Try to cooperate across party lines	No opinion
7/21/13	26	68	6
10/12/10	37	57	6
2/22/09	31	66	3

8. As you may know, the U.S. Senate passed an immigration law that includes (a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants now living in the United States), and (stricter border control at a cost of 46 billion dollars). Given what you know about it, do you support or oppose the immigration law passed by the Senate? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Support			Oppose			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/21/13	46	19	27	44	14	30	10

9. The immigration law now is in the House of Representatives. Would you rather see the House (have an up-or-down vote on the Senate plan), or (break the Senate plan into individual pieces to be considered separately)?

	Up-or-down vote	Break into individual pieces	Not consider at all (vol.)	No opinion
7/21/13	32	53	2	13

10. Say the House does NOT approve a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants. Would you feel (relieved) or (disappointed)? IF DISAPPOINTED: Would you be angry about that, or disappointed but not angry?

	Relieved	NET	Disappointed Angry	Disappointed Not angry	No opinion
7/21/13	40	50	13	37	10

11. (IF DISAPPOINTED) Who would you mainly blame for that - (Obama, for not winning the needed votes) or (the Republicans in the House, for leading the opposition)?

	Obama	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
7/21/13	20	63	10	3	4

11/12 NET:

	Relieved	NET	Disappointed Blame Obama	Disappointed Blame Reps.	Disappointed Blame both (vol.)	Disappointed Blame neither (vol.)	No op.	No op.
7/21/13	40	50	10	31	5	2	2	10

Questions 12-22 held for release.

23. Changing topics, overall, do you support or oppose the federal law making changes to the health care system? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	NET	Support Strongly	Support Somewhat	NET	Oppose Somewhat	Oppose Strongly	No opinion
7/21/13	42	25	17	49	10	39	9
7/08/12	47	27	20	47	14	33	6
4/8/12	39	23	17	53	13	40	8
3/10/12	41	24	17	52	11	41	7

Compare to: Overall, given what you know about them, would you say you support or oppose the changes to the health care system that have been enacted by (Congress) and (the Obama administration)?

	NET	Support Strongly	Support Somewhat	NET	Oppose Somewhat	Oppose Strongly	No opinion
1/16/11	45	25	20	50	14	36	5
12/12/10	43	22	21	52	14	37	6
10/3/10	47	26	21	48	13	35	5
3/26/10	46	32	13	50	10	40	4
2/8/10*	46	22	25	49	11	38	5
1/15/10	44	22	22	51	12	39	5
12/13/09	44	25	19	51	11	40	5
11/15/09	48	30	18	49	10	39	3
10/18/09	45	26	19	48	12	36	7
9/12/09	46	30	16	48	12	36	6
8/17/09	45	27	18	50	10	40	5

*2/8/10 and prior: "proposed changes...that are being developed by"

24. The federal government has delayed for one year the requirement that companies with 50 or more employees have to provide health insurance to their employees or pay a fine. Do you approve or disapprove of the delay in this requirement?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
7/21/13	51	45	4

25. Do you think this delay (means that the overall health care law is so flawed it should be dropped), or do you think this (is just something that happens when changes are made in a complex system)?

	Health care law is so flawed it should be dropped	Something that happens when changes are made in a complex system	No Opinion
7/21/13	48	46	6

Questions 26-28 held for release.

29. On another subject, do you think blacks and other minorities receive equal treatment as whites in the criminal justice system or not?

	Receive equal treatment	Do not receive equal treatment	No opinion
Among all:			
7/21/13	45	50	6
4/8/12	37	55	7
2/4/97	55	38	6
5/7/96	36	55	9
10/6/95	44	50	6
10/3/95	47	44	8
9/27/95	47	46	6
4/30/92	39	50	11
7/2/88*	43	43	15

*Associated Press/Media General Poll

Among African Americans:

7/21/13	8	86	6
4/8/12	10	84	6
2/4/97	19	78	3
5/7/96	12	81	7
10/6/95	9	88	2
10/3/95	19	73	8
9/27/95	12	87	2
4/30/92	8	89	3

Among whites:

7/21/13	54	41	6
4/8/12	44	49	7
2/4/97	61	32	7
5/7/96	41	49	10
10/6/95	52	42	6
10/3/95	52	40	8
9/27/95	54	39	7
4/30/92	46	43	12

30. There is a case in Florida in which a neighborhood watch volunteer, George Zimmerman, shot and killed an unarmed teenager, Trayvon Martin. As far as you've heard do you think this shooting was justified or unjustified, or do you not know enough about it to say?

	Justified	Unjustified	Don't know enough to say	No opinion
7/21/13 All	26	40	32	2
Blacks	5	87	8	0
Whites	33	33	32	2
4/8/12* All	4	44	51	1
Blacks	1	80	19	0
Whites	5	38	56	1

*"There recently was a case in Florida in which a neighborhood watch volunteer shot and killed an unarmed teenager..."

31. Do you approve or disapprove of the jury's verdict last week finding Zimmerman not guilty in Martin's death? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

		----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion	
7/21/13 All	41	27	14	41	8	32	18	
7/21/13 Blacks	9	6	3	86	3	84	5	
7/21/13 Whites	51	35	17	31	9	22	18	

32. Regardless of the verdict in the state criminal court, do you think the federal government should or should not charge Zimmerman in federal court with violating Martin's civil rights?

	Should be charged	Should not be charged	No opinion
7/21/13 All	39	46	15
7/21/13 Blacks	81	13	6
7/21/13 Whites	27	59	14

Questions 33-36 held for release.

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
7/21/13	31	21	37	7	4
5/19/13	33	22	38	5	2
4/14/13	33	23	36	5	3
3/10/13	33	25	35	5	2
1/13/13	33	24	37	5	1
12/16/12	31	24	38	4	4
11/4/12	33	25	34	4	5
11/4/12 RV	33	27	35	3	2
11/4/12 LV	35	29	32	3	1
10/13/12	33	22	37	4	4
9/29/12	31	25	36	5	3
9/9/12	33	23	37	4	3
8/25/12	31	22	39	6	3
7/8/12	33	24	36	4	3
5/20/12	32	22	38	7	2
4/18/12	34	23	34	5	3
3/10/12	31	27	36	3	3
2/12/12	34	23	37	5	1
1/15/12	32	25	36	5	2

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